

## UG1 MicroStrategy Reporting & Performance Subgroup Meeting Minutes

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### Meeting Agenda

- Review of R38 Issues
- New Issues identified on 26 September

### Meeting Minutes

#### **R38 Issues Review**

- *PostalOne! #4938*
  - Randy says that there is Scorecard data available going back till September 2013
    - but he couldn't validate it
  - Historical Data for Change of Address is not there
  - Wasn't able to validate those volumes of data in there going back to September 2013
    - But some was missing
  - Question: Is that data missing from the scorecard or some other report?
    - That is missing from the scorecard
    - No ticket submitted
- *PostalOne! #4924*
  - It did come up but it took two minutes to find a job with a single error
    - This should take under one minute
  - Rose Flanagan experienced the same delay on multiple attempts
  - This functionality is not operating at the expected standard
- *PostalOne! #4925*
  - Steve did not see this happening
    - He cannot say he fully validated his data
  - When J.P. Morgan looks at their September data their volume significantly dropped
    - Volumes coming from their pre-sort vendor is getting picked up in the vendors stuff and not in J.P. Morgan's
    - The book ending logic maybe working for J.P. Morgan
  - Steve is not seeing all of the undocumented data in their reports either
    - Only seeing the first ten days of the month for undocumented after that
    - Did not see anything after that
  - Question: Wasn't there something about the data restore or the data build not completed until last night [25 September] or this morning?
    - This is regards to undocumented data

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- There was a catch-up going on, but you should be able to see undocumented data in the Undocumented Reports in the Scorecard
    - Per Matt Chaplin, this should be fully caught up
      - Though there may be some data going on
  - 100 percent of J.P. Morgan volume goes through PBPS but is still showing a significant volume
    - If Pittney has not been recast yet that might explain why J.P. Morgan's numbers are higher than they should be for that site
  - Mark is showing all of undocumented while operating as a pre-sort house and have not seen the book ending having a major impact on him
  - Per Matt Chaplin, this issue only applies to undocumented sampling and not book endings
  - Not fully tested by mailers
- *PostalOne! #4975*
    - Rose Flanagan says the front page of the Scorecard is not matching the data when she drills down
      - Randy Randall says his numbers don't match either
      - This is happening to multiple mailers
    - Matt says to make sure that when drilling down make sure to only select errors, not warnings
      - Both Randy and Rose say that are not looking at warnings
    - Rose believes her drill downs are accurate, but the scorecard is not showing those errors
    - Bob Rosser sees a lot of discrepancies between the summary and the drill down reports
    - This issue is not resolved
  - *PostalOne! #4976*
    - Rose Flanagan said that she had a buy/for error on non-profit mailing
    - It was saying that it wasn't the non-profit owner even though it was a non-profit CRID
    - Only one showed up in September
    - Question: Did you report that to the help desk?
      - No, Rose found it this and will report it to the help desk later today
    - Not validated by mailers
  - *PostalOne! #4927*
    - No comments made
    - Not validated by mailers
  - *PostalOne! #5060*

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- Arlene had scorecard reviews with mailers yesterday (25 September) and they are comfortable with the volume
- The issue (#4975) from earlier is that the scorecard is lower than the drill down while this issue is the opposite
- Question: Randy, do you know which of your CRIDs are having that issue?
  - He can only remember Sacramento
  - Rose has the same problem
- According to Sharon, there may be variance on this description
  - The jobs on the mailer scorecard were inflated
  - The volumes were inflated
  - The overall scorecard was completely wrong
  - Not sure if there was an inflated number of errors
- Bob Rosser agrees with Randy
  - The summary reports and the scorecards at a mailer owner/mail preparer view are much lower than the drill down total
  - Trying to validate counts as a mail preparer compared to the mail owner is seeing for the work that we have performed for them
- Question: Bob, do you have a specific example?
  - Yes, I have forwarded to Garrett, Jason, and Arlene
- **Action Item:** Arlene Zisow & Bob Rosser
  - Send Bob Rosser's email describing Bob's issue to IT for review
- *PostalOne! #5065*
  - Richard says that none, if any, of the manual statements are included in the scorecard
    - As a result the data may not match what they believe if they put in hard copy postage statements
  - Question: Is anyone seeing negative values in their scorecard on their profile tab?
    - John Whittington is seeing negative values
    - Three or four other mailers are as well
  - Beth Bigelow says that there is a separate defect that is impacting some mailers
    - The negative values may be a result of this separate defect
- Question: Wasn't it October when they were going to start generating sample invoices off of September data?
  - Yes, but for information only
  - The information only invoices are going to show bad information
    - Arlene and Beth will take this into consideration and act accordingly
- *PostalOne! #5066*

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- Not validated
- *PostalOne! #12371*
  - Not validated by mailers
- *PostalOne! #5166*
  - Not validated by mailers
- *PostalOne! #5167*
  - Detailed reports are not good
  - This issue does not have anything to do with the reports returning on time
    - It's related to a daily process that runs in the background which updates new errors and mailings
    - That process was running long and not completed by its scheduled time
  - Not an execution issue, but is a background issue
  - Question: can this group measure this error?
    - Probably know by individual jobs 48 hours after finalization
  - Question: wouldn't the Postal Service know if their background service is running an update timely or does it require someone to open a ticket to find out if their system is working?
    - According to Beth this issue is being monitored and does not need mailer review
  - Rose would like a periodic update from the USPS on this issue
  - Per Matt Chaplin, this has been running faster
  - **Action Item:** Matt Chaplin
    - Provide an update to *PostalOne! #5167* to the sub-group
- Two questions from John Whittington
  - The negative numbers he was seeing were yesterday but he does not see them today. Was there something put in last night?
    - Beth said nothing was deployed last night.
    - **Action Item:** Beth Bigelow
      - Research John Whittington's CRID to understand what happened to it
    - Other mailers are having trouble with negative numbers as well in their non-Full Service numbers
  - He keeps trying to get previous months data, but only receives data for September
    - When he tries to select previous months he is not given any options and only the September data is returned
  - Defect #4527 is affecting Seamless Mailers disproportionately with the issue that is causing total pieces to be off

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- That issue is causing total pieces and your number to be off
  - Not all of the piece counts are being imported for non-full service mailings
  - Total pieces aren't being updated correctly
  - And when we deduct your full service pieces from the incorrect total it's causing negative non-full service pieces as well
- SASP #1942
  - No comments
  - Not validated by mailers
- SASP #2027
  - Yes, mailers are seeing categorized undocumented errors
    - Sampling
    - Mail Processing Equipment
  - Question: does N/A count?
    - A lot of mailers are seeing N/A
- *PostalOne!* #5025
  - No comments
  - Not validated by mailers
- *PostalOne!* #5082
  - Mailers are confused as to what this issue actually is
  - The defect was that single piece lines were not being loaded for processing
    - The fix was to correctly load the first class mail residual single piece lines
    - These should be loaded in SASP and processed correctly
  - Question: Processed as non-automated?
    - Yes
  - Not validated by mailers
- *PostalOne!* #5122
  - Holly Kozlencer, from Quad Graphics, is still having issues getting to the details in the scorecard
  - Some errors are not loading
  - Question: What errors are you receiving?
    - No data for this view
    - Drilling into the buy/for errors
  - **Action Item:** Holly Kozlencer
    - Send the CRID that is experiencing the buy/for errors to Arlene

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- *PostalOne! # 5191*
  - Beth Bigelow says that if a mailer has more than 100 errors, only the first 100 would be reported to MicroStrategy (which is normal) and only 100 would be included in the aggregate count
    - The aggregate count was updated to include all of the errors, not just 100
  - Steve see more than 100 errors in the scorecard for that
  - Bob Rosser identified a new issue (10:36)
    - The summary counts on some of that are still deflated from the drill down
      - Referring to the deflated count difference between the summary and drill down reports
    - **Action Item:** Beth Bigelow
      - Investigate the issue raised by Bob Rosser
  - Not validated by mailers
- Question: What does “resolved” actually mean
  - That the sub-group would not focus in on the issue anymore
  - The USPS wants to be comfortable telling the Mailing Industry that all defects resulting from R38 are corrected, please start using your reports again
  - Super User concurrence that the data is “good to go”
- *PostalOne! #5199*
  - This issue only applies to the:
    - August 2014 data
    - Miss-shipped and EPD errors
  - There still seems to be many discrepancies that we’re finding that make no sense
    - Arlene will address this comment with her spreadsheet
  - Not validated by mailers
- *PostalOne! #5238*
  - Question: how do we know if they are not showing up?
    - If errors are showing up after the 24<sup>th</sup>, then the error is cleared up
  - Randy did see scans after the 24<sup>th</sup>, but doesn’t think they’re current
  - Not validated by mailers
- Additional errors are scheduled for fix on, or after, 9 November

### New Issues Identified on 26 September

- On the eInduction tab, data shows we are sending as many pallets to non-SV sites as we are sending to eInduction, which is false (Bob Rosser)

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- Undocumented Trend Chart in the MSTR does not match Undocumented data in Scorecard
- Undocumented data in Scorecard does not reflect actual mailing patterns from historical data
- Mailer owner Report in *PostalOne!* Non-profit mailings is showing wrong minimum denomination and duplicating total pieces, total affixed, and total postage across all CRIDs associated to the non-profit.
  - This only applies to the Mail Owner Report
- Undocumented has not changed yet
  - Book ending logic is not working for United Mail
  - Question: Is your undocumented high or low?
    - I don't know if it's changed a lot
    - It's all over the road
    - Over 500,000 pieces one day and then 6,000 pieces the next for a single CRID
  - One of the issues covered caused the failure of 150 million pieces didn't get imported to SASP and didn't get counted
    - This caused radically inflated undocumented counts
    - Root cause has been corrected and resulted in the drop in undocumented pieces
- Question: Has the book ending performance issue been corrected?
  - The performance issue with the detailed error report was corrected on 9/18
- Performance issue with executing bookend detailed report. Report keeps running and does not execute
  - **Action Item:** Matt Chaplin
    - Look into the performance of the book ending error report for United Mail
- Question: Would the import error into SASP also cause a delay in the Change of Address information?
  - Change of Address information is fulfilled through *PostalOne!*, not Single Source
  - Yes, if you were impacted by the SASP import delay that could have seen a delay in your ACS fulfillment
- Scorecard landing page is showing less errors than the sub-reports, the customer has confidence in the sub-reports but not the Scorecard
  - Quad Graphics is seeing the opposite problem
  - Question: Is there a specific condition where the Scorecard is showing less errors than the sub-reports, or is that a general observation?
    - If "None" is selected on the detailed report than my detailed report shows more than the Scorecard

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- If “Full Service” on the detail than the detailed reports shows fewer errors than the scorecard
- Non-full Service Piece Counts are showing as negative amounts
- There are more handling unit errors than actual handling units processed
  - Example: there were 83 errors on 81 trays used for a single job
  - Those counts are counts of errors, not counts of handling units with errors
    - It’s possible that one or more handling units had more than one error
  - **Action item:** Beth Bigelow
    - Research this issue to find out if JPMC had a handling unit with more than one error, or if there is an issue with the system
  - Bob Rosser concurs with the confusion that this causes
  - It would be beneficial to know when looking at the scorecard which line items are wrong because of internal system errors, not mailing/mailer errors
    - That data is not currently available, but Arlene is working on it
  - There are two different categories
    - Handling unit nesting sortation errors
    - Nesting and sortation piece errors
      - Would have thought that multiple items in a tray that were wrong that’s where the piece errors would have come in
- There is an offset on the line items in the mailer scorecard.
  - From the left hand column on the right, there seems to be an offset. Compatibility mode has already been deployed, but still having an issue
- On the electronic verification tab, the total number of Move/Update errors are inflated and unrealistic
  - Example: on the scorecard, there may be 5,000 Move/Update errors, but when drilled down there are 50,000 errors



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| Provide an update to PostalOne!® ALM #5167 to the sub-group until it is resolved  | Matt Chaplin    | Ongoing        |
| Research John Whittington's CRID to understand what happened to it  | Beth Bigelow    | 3 October 2014 |
| Send the CRID that is experiencing the buy/for errors to Arlene   | Holly Kozlencer | 3 October 2014 |
| Investigate the summary count deflation issue raised by Bob Rosser  | Beth Bigelow    | 3 October 2014 |
| Look into the performance of the book ending error report for United Mail   | Matt Chaplin    | 3 October 2014 |
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